

MARIE A. RASK.

JANUARY 19, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1559.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1559) granting an increase of pension to Marie A. Rask, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The bill is accompanied by Senate report No. 106, this session, and from it the following facts are taken:

Marie A. Rask is the widow of Olof H. Rask, who was first lieutenant, Company M, Fifteenth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, from July 2, 1898, to March 27, 1899, during the war with Spain, and who was second lieutenant and first lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, from October 2, 1899, to May 29, 1902, when he died of cholera at Bacoar in the Philippine Islands.

Mrs. Rask is now receiving a general-law pension of \$17 per month. She was married to the officer January 8, 1896. It appears from the evidence that she is possessed of very limited means and is in poor health, unable to undertake any steady employment. She has had to undergo several operations, which have been a cause of great expense.

There are many precedents for the proposed legislation, and in view of the facts and circumstances set forth above, the bill is reported back with the recommendation that it be passed.